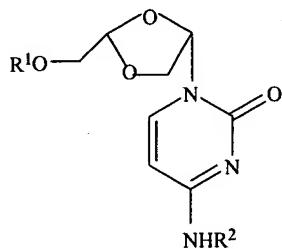


In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1-19. Cancelled.

20. (Currently amended) A method for treating a cancer selected from the group consisting of non-small cell lung cancer, colorectal colon cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, ~~bladder cancer, pancreatic cancer, ovarian cancer, uterine cancer, leukemia, and CNS cancer, melanoma, renal cancer, lymphoma and head and neck cancer~~ in a host animal comprising administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound of the formula



wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an acyl group in which the non carbonyl moiety of the ester group is selected from straight, branched, or cyclic C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, methoxymethyl, phenoxymethyl or phenyl, a sulfonate ester, and mono, di and triphosphate ester, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, said cancer being sensitive to treatment with said compound.

21. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 20 40 wherein said cancer is prostate cancer.

22. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 20 40 wherein said cancer is non-small cell lung cancer.

23. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 20 40 wherein said cancer is colorectal colon cancer.

24. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 20 40 wherein said cancer is breast cancer.

25. Cancelled.

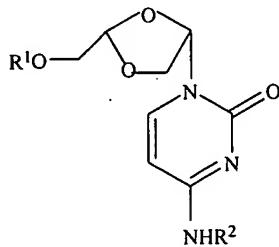
26. Cancelled.

27. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 20 40 wherein said cancer is ovarian cancer.

28. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 20 40 wherein said cancer is lymphoma.

29. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 20 40 wherein said cancer is leukemia.

30. (Currently amended) A method for treating a cancer selected from the group consisting of lung cancer, colorectal cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, bladder cancer, pancreatic cancer, ovarian cancer, uterine cancer, leukemia, cns cancer, melanoma, renal cancer, lymphoma and head and neck non-small cell lung cancer, colorectal colon cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, ~~bladder cancer, pancreatic cancer~~, ovarian cancer, ~~uterine cancer~~, leukemia, ~~cns~~ CNS cancer, melanoma, renal cancer, lymphoma and ~~head and neck cancer~~ cancer in a human comprising administering to said human an effective amount of a compound of the formula



wherein R¹ and R² are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an acyl group in which the non-carbonyl moiety of the ester group is a straight, branched, or cyclic C₄ to

~~C₁₈ alkyl group, methoxymethyl, phenoxyethyl or phenyl, a sulfonate ester, and mono, di and triphosphate ester, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, said cancer being sensitive to treatment with said compound.~~

31. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 30 wherein said cancer is prostate cancer.

32. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 30 wherein said cancer is lung cancer.

33. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 30 wherein said cancer is colorectal colon cancer.

34. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 30 wherein said cancer is breast cancer.

35. Cancelled.

36. Cancelled.

37. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 30 wherein said cancer is ovarian cancer.

38. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 30 wherein said cancer is lymphoma.

39. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 30 wherein said leukemia is acute myeloid leukemia.